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Spring 2009
March, April, May

SPRING CLEAN-UP

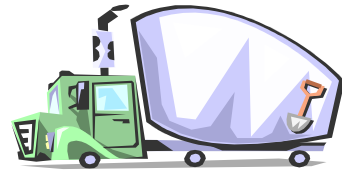
For many years, the Town has set aside special days to provide its residents a town-wide clean up day. This clean up day was established to allow residents the opportunity to get rid of items above and beyond weekly household garbage such as items stored in the attic or storage shed. In an effort to make this process as orderly as possible we will be following guidelines if you opt to participate in the clean up. In addition to collecting items you wish to discard around your house, this may be a good time to network with neighbors to assess the condition of your neighborhood. Individual organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Civic Groups may want to work with the Town to beautify our Parks. The Adopt a Street program is still active and it may be an opportunity for the organizations/residents that have adopted a street to encourage the residents that reside on the street to participate in the town wide clean up.

Clean Up dates are as follows:

Delmar, Delaware – Mon & Wed – April 13th & 15th 2009

Delmar, Maryland – Mon & Wed – April 20th & 22nd 2009.

Collection times will be between the hours of 7:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.



To participate in the Spring Clean Up, we are asking residents or civic organizations and any other special interest groups to contact the Town's Administrative Office no later than the week prior to collection and provide the following:

- 1) Resident's name or the Organization's name
- 2) Your Address or the location your organization will be providing clean up
- 3) For organizations that are looking to participate in the clean up, provide the Town with a contact person and telephone number.

After this information is received, the Administrative Office will provide you with written confirmation that the resident or the organization has been added to the list to participate in the Spring Clean-Up Program. The Administrative Office will also provide the Public Works Department with a list of all the participants and the locations for the special garbage collection. **This special clean-up collection is only available for our current weekly garbage service customers.**

Items that are **NOT** eligible for collection:

Automobiles	Any item containing Freon	Chemicals	Sleep Sofas
Automobile parts	Freezers, refrigerators	Paint	One Couch per house
Heavy Machinery	Air Conditioners	Construction Materials	
Tires		one box spring & mattress over a full size per house	
Riding Lawn Mowers		window frames with glass (glass has to be removed)	
Oil, Gas Cans	Large tree stumps	Limbs over 3 ft., not bundled	

Any other items deemed excessive by Public Works

Although there are two days scheduled, there will only be one pick up per location. You will NOT receive collection on both days.

News From Downtown

The Delmar Revitalization Committee is still working hard on several fronts. They have attended 2 seminars sponsored by the Main Street Program of Delaware. These seminars were related to dealing with vacant owners/tenants and how to promote the downtown to future businesses and what kind of business will work for our unique history. Their first step is to conduct a survey of who visits our Town and why. This data collecting effort will be the basis for building potential markets and marketing strategies. This survey was underway this past month. The DRC is also in the final stages of the design phase for "Delmar's Historical Building" which will be located in the old Dr. Larmore's office. There will be a new front porch w/handicap ramps, new interior, restored doctor's offices, restrooms and over 1,000 sq. ft. of new display areas. These preliminary plans can be reviewed at Town Hall. They welcome any comments and suggestions. DRC is also looking for volunteers, kids, both large and small, to help in their efforts for the up-and-coming theatrical production of "A Typical Day in 1947 for A Small Town". We are scheduled to meet on March 19, 2009 at Town Hall. This production will be held on September 23 & 24, 2009 honoring the 150th anniversary of the Town of Delmar. Volunteers can contact Chris Walter at 302-462-5011 or by email at cmsi94de@yahoo.com Their regular monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at Town Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Come be a part of the dusting off of Delmar into the future.

Message From the Chamber

The Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce held their first Open Skate Night at Skateland in Salisbury on Friday, February, 13, 2009. They had a

From the Desk of the Community

great turnout and would like to thank all of the families who came out to skate. They received **SO** many positive comments on this event and it was a great fundraiser. They are looking forward to doing this again, so keep your eyes and ears open for future date(s).

Mark your calendars- the 33rd annual Day in the Park will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Planning is now underway. There will be games, attractions, drawings, live entertainment, crafts, food and more!! Plan to join them as they celebrate 33 years of this tradition. Vendor applications are available by calling the Chamber of Commerce voicemail at 302-846-3336 or email delmardinamite@verizon.net. Sponsored by the Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce.

NOTICE from the Public Works Department

Attention Water Customers !!
There will be hydrant flushing on April 17, 2009 from 9:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. Low water pressure and/or discoloration may be experienced temporarily. We suggest storing drinking water in advance for this period and we apologize for any inconvenience.

Message from Parks and Rec.

Parks and Rec. are still looking for volunteers. They want you to know that Parks and Rec. is just not all about baseball anymore. For more information on times and dates for their meetings, please call Town Hall. (410)-896-2777, or (302)-846-2664.

Did you Know??? Delmar's six parks have been developed, operated and maintained through the cooperative efforts of the Town Governments, the Delmar Little League and the Parks & Recreation Council. State Street Park and Gordy Park can be reserved for special events by organizations or individuals. Reservation forms can be obtained at Town Hall.

Help Us Keep You Safe

The Town of Delmar through a Project Open Space Grant is pleased to announce to its residents, in particular the youth members of the community, that an exciting improvement to the recreational facilities at Gordy Park will be constructed during the spring of 2009. The Project involves the demolition of the existing tennis and basketball courts to build two new basketball courts and a small skate park. Construction will begin in March 2009. During the forty-five days allotted for completion of the project, the construction area in Gordy Park will require the cooperation of the whole community in order to maintain safety and prevent injuries during the construction project. Yes, your Police Department will monitor and patrol the area. And yes, the contractor will place barriers and signage up to denote the work site. But the true policing will require the diligence of the community residents. In particular, the youth members must promote safety and injury prevention amongst themselves by not playing in or otherwise invading the construction area during the completion of the project. **That doesn't mean that you should physically reprimand or restrain anyone. You need only verbally remind them to be responsible for their own safety and well being when you see them acting out of line.** Let them know when they endanger themselves that they are endangering others who they might influence to act as they are. **They just need to be reminded to chill.** If need be make their parents aware of their activity or as a last resort report it to the Police Department. Understand that to report a bad act isn't being a snitch but rather being a community of responsible neighborhoods all of whom care about each other. **Not acting may resort in the Town being unable to obtain funding for future projects.**

Together, we can make this a successful undertaking, one that will provide recreational enjoyment and pride in the continuing development of our Town.

A Small Price to Pay

You have probably already noticed that North Pennsylvania Ave. from East State St. to East Grove St. is under construction as of February 17th. The Town of Delmar in conjunction with the Delaware State Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has embarked upon the N. Pennsylvania Ave. Streetscape Improvement Project. The project involves enhancement of the street and renovation of the sidewalk.

The Good: the downtown business district upon completion will be extremely attractive for Town residents and enticing to perspective merchants. Also the construction work is restricted to weekdays and no evenings without the approval of DelDOT.

The Bad: construction always causes some temporary inconvenience which in this case involves N. Pennsylvania Ave., in the work area, being reduced to one lane controlled traffic with restricted parking during construction hours. Construction hours are 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday-Friday with a controlled single lane of traffic between the hours of 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM daily.

The Ugly: completion of the project is slated for (96) days. While the project may not require the full (96) calendar days to complete please understand that it can.

The Town apologizes for any inconvenience experienced during performance of the construction. However, your support and cooperation is requested. **Just remember that everything worth having requires some sacrifice.**

Delmar's Sesquicentennial (150 years) Anniversary Heritage Celebration

This year the Town of Delmar will be celebrating its' 150th Anniversary!!!!

Both the Council and Commission members along with the Civic Organizations, both schools, Fire Department, Police Department, businesses and Delmar residents have been meeting and planning this week-long celebration. BUT there's still more work to be done! If you are interested in what's going on and would like to attend a meeting, or would like to volunteer, please contact Town Hall for the next meeting time and place. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Listed below are some of the Committees that have been formed:

School Committee	Parade Committee	Publicity Committee
King & Queen Contest Committee	Game Committee	Souvenir Committee
Past Mayors Committee	Historic Committee	Registration Committee
Fireworks Committee	Celebration Booklet Committee	Street Party Committee
Brothers of the Brush Committee		Food Committee

Some of the tentative events planned for the week-long Celebration (Sept. 20, 2009-Sept. 26, 2009) are:

Parade, Antique Cars, Picnic in the Park, Dinner-theatre, Yard sales, Train Museum, Historic Tours, Ice Cream Social, Dances, Block Party and of course, FIREWORKS !!!!!

Different contests: King and Queen of Delmar, oldest resident (longest length of time living in Delmar), beard growing, antique cars, along with games and activities for all ages. Of Course, there will be FOOD. We are trying to use as many local vendors as possible. So if you see anything here that you would like to be part of, please join us and take a walk in the a Past and help us Celebrate our Future!!!

If anyone has any ideas on who has lived in Delmar the longest, please contact Town Hall with that information...

DO THESE BRING BACK MEMORIES TO ANYONE ?????

Town Hall Spring Closings

Friday, April 10, 2009

Good Friday

Monday, May 25, 2009

Memorial Day

Delmar Kiwanis Spring Events



The Kiwanis will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Delmar Middle & Senior High School Football Field. Rain date is Saturday, April 11, 2009. Their **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church located on the corner of State and 10th Streets. **The Annual Community Prayer Breakfast** will be on May 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church (Camelot Hall).

Delmar Masonic Temple #201

Located at 100 E. State Street, across from Saint Stevens Church is holding a Soup/Shrimp/Sandwich fundraiser. This event features Maryland Crab Soup, Steamed Shrimp, baked goods, hotdogs, chicken salad sandwiches, chips and soda. The event is held the 2nd Saturday each month (March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12). They will also deliver to seniors in the local area if you call ahead and let them know. Please call 410-896-2904 for more information or to set up a delivery. Delmar Temple has been an active member in the Delmar community since late 1899 and they look forward to another century of community service and involvement.

Delmar Middle and Senior High School Memorial Garden

Recently, the students, teachers, administration and the community

dedicated a Memorial Garden in memory of all the staff and students who had passed away during their time with the school. This past year has been very difficult for the school and this garden is a way of saying that those that have passed away may not be present in their lives today, but their presence is still with everyone. This project started as a way for one teacher to reach out to the students after the death of Kyle Dixon and Dustin Bruch. There are plaques along with plants to serve as living memorials to the spirits of those who have passed.

DID YOU KNOW ????

1859- The Town of Delmar was born when the Delaware Railroad extended to the Southern Boundary of Delaware.

1888- Maryland side was incorporated. Maryland side granted a charter.

1889- Population increased to 680. In the year 2000, census totals increased to 1859 on Maryland side and 1407 on Delaware side.

1892- Fire destroyed the Town.

1901- Fire again destroyed the Town. Most buildings were rebuilt with brick.

1924 - Surveys were made by Francis Dryden for a possible sewage system.

1941 - The Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary was formed

1947- The two Towns purchased a water system.

1948- Maryland received Delaware land from a donation from the Lion's Club.

1956- One Police force established for both Towns.

1959- A Centennial Celebration was held. The Highball Signal was donated to the Town.

1975- A Council/Manager form of government was established with one manager for both Towns.

1981- Police Chief Saylor was hired.

1984- Town Manager Bynum-King was hired.

1991- Mayor P. Douglas Niblett was elected.

**Little League
Opening
Day**

Delmar Little League
will have its' Opening
Day on Saturday, April
18, 2009.



The parade will start at 9:00
a.m. at Delmar Middle
Senior High School and end at
the Little League Field.
Come out and support the
Little League!!

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